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In re Application of: Haimerl

Serial No.: 10/069,057

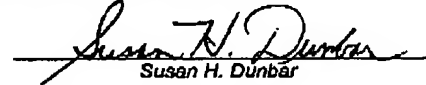
Filed: February 15, 2002

For Footwear with a Sealed Sole Construction
and Process for Its Production

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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) Group Art Unit: 3728
) Examiner: Marie D. Patterson
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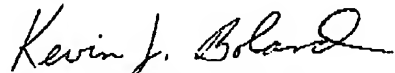
**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request continued examination of this application and withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action mailed October 25, 2005. Submitted herewith is a reply to the outstanding Office Action.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 07-1729 for the required fee, and for any additional charges that may be incurred.

Respectfully submitted,


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